

80 Years On: Norway 1940

Here's a chance to test your knowledge of events taking place during the Second World War in 1940, 80 years ago.

First, take a look at our [Norway 1940 online exhibition](#) then have a go at the questions below. Some of the answers are in the exhibition. Others you'll need to find elsewhere by doing some research. Good luck!



- 1) Just to help with your geography and so that you can get your bearings, label the UK on the map, plus each of the Scandinavian countries: Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland.
- 2) Which country did the Nazis invade in order to help them occupy Norway?
(Bonus fact: this nation was so heavily targeted that they surrendered after just six hours)
- 3) What was the date of the Nazi invasion of Norway?

- 4) Can you find out two reasons why Hitler thought it was vital to control Norway?
- 5) What excuse was given by the Germans to the Norwegian government for the invasion?
- 6) The 1st Battalion of the Green Howards Regiment was sent to Norway, but where had they been stationed before that?
- 7) Which other countries were involved in the Allied attempt to save Norway?
- 8) From which Scottish port did the Green Howards leave?
- 9) Name two advantages that the German military had over their Norwegian and British counterparts, which helped their mission succeed.
- 10) How many Green Howards lost their lives in the Norway campaign?
- 11) When did the Navy evacuate the Green Howards from Norway?
- 12) Name the Norwegian Kings who became Colonels-in-Chief of the Green Howards.
- 13) Which medal was Regimental Sergeant Major Peacock awarded for his actions at the Battle of Otta?
- 14) What was the date of Norway's 'Liberation Day'?
- 15) This date is given a different name in the UK. What do we call it?